

Exempt Organization Stakeholders:

We are pleased to share with you the Candidate Release Version 1.0, for Release 1, of the IRS *e-file* Exempt Organization Tax Schemas. These schemas are for Forms 990, 990-EZ, 1120-POL, 8868, Forms 990/990-EZ Schedule A and Forms 990/990-EZ Schedule B. At this time, the schemas are based on TY 2002 forms.

You will find the link to the schemas on www.irs.gov at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=101145,00.html>

For forms and schedules shared with Forms 1120/1120S, please refer to the Corporate Income Tax Schemas and their associated release schedule.

We appreciate any feedback that you can provide so that we may include any changes in the Final Release, which is scheduled for March 31, 2003. At this time, we have not yet completed our work on the associated business rules. As soon as these become available, we will post them to the Web site.

We plan to participate with the 1120 *e-file* team at a meeting tentatively scheduled for March 24-25, 2003, in Washington, DC. You will be provided with additional details in the near future. Please provide comments to us prior to this meeting, so that we may have sufficient time to address issues related to the Exempt Organization returns.

If you have any questions, please feel free to share them with the Topica group, or you may send an e-mail to the EO *e-file* team at TEGE-EO-efile@irs.gov. You can also contact Debbie Cook from our Information Technology Systems team at (202) 283-5429 or Donna Hockensmith from the EO *e-file* team at (202) 283-8842.